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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 10490

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, PFOR, UK, ES  
SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC: AMBASSADOR ALVARO ERNESTO  
MARTINEZ

1. ACCORDING TO A SALVADORAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL HERE (OSCAR GUTIERREZ ROSALES), AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ HAS RECENTLY LEFT LONDON TO BECOME FOREIGN MINISTER. GUTIERREZ SAID MARTINEZ HAD BEEN SLATED TO BECOME MINISTER OF ECONOMY, A POST FOR WHICH, GUTIERREZ SAID, MARTINEZ WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED.

2. IN LONDON, MARTINEZ WAS A "REGULAR" AT INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION MEETINGS. HIS STYLE AT COFFEE BOARD MEETINGS TENDED TO BE LOW KEY, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THAT OF RICARDO FALLA, WHOSE FLAMBOYANT, WITTY AND OFTEN OUTRAGEOUS INTERVENTIONS ARE LEGENDARY.

3. USREP (THIGPEN) INVARIABLY FOUND MARTINEZ COURTEOUS AND FRIENDLY. HE IS SOFT-SPOKEN AND COURTLY. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH BUT IS NOT VERY CONFIDENT OF IT. ON THE WHOLE, MARTINEZ WAS AN EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR SALVADOR ON COFFEE MATTERS. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION HE WAS A GOOD LISTENER.

4. SHOULD MARTINEZ BECOME FOREIGN MINISTER, WE THINK  
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EMBASSY SALVADOR WILL FIND HIM FRIENDLY TOWARD THE U.S.  
AND EASY TO DEAL WITH.

5. IF EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, PLEASE PASS USREP'S  
CONGRATULATIONS.

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